

The turf fan says "I long to see That lovely morn in May When I shall land in Louisville For Derby Day."

Grafton Team Tackles High Nine Here Today

"I want to be in Louisville, For since I was bereft At home, I've wandered off if they Had any left."

LEGION WILL OPEN SEASON ON SATURDAY

Good Game Expected When Teams Clash at South Side Ball Yard.

Grafton high school's baseball squad arrived here at 10 o'clock this morning on No. 3 to do battle with the local high tilters at South side park this afternoon. The team is quartered at the Y. M. C. A. They reported to be in good condition for the contest.

Coch Kahn and his men fully expect to be able to open the scholastic baseball season this afternoon at South Side park with the Grafton High team. The game will be called at 3:30. After having been cheated out of the opening session several times by rain, there seems little doubt about the contest going on today. Weather conditions are ideal for baseball this morning, and it is not likely that a rain storm will come along to check the ceremonies this afternoon, although you never can tell what is going to happen in the course of an April day. The local boys are on edge for the battle and expect to win with South-paw Criss doing the hurling. Grafton has a fast organization and will make the local lads step lively to win. Tomorrow afternoon the local high tilters will go to Mannington to play the team of that place.

Saturday afternoon at South Side park a very fast game will be staged between the local Legion team and the team from Clarksburg. The game will be called at four o'clock and a great crowd is expected to be on hand for the contest. Several well known ball stars are found in the lineups of the two clubs, and fast ball should be the order of the day. The probable batting order:

Clarksburg.	Fairmont.
Moran, cf	Knight, 1b
Bryan, 2b	Hood, 3b
York, ss	Beveridge, 2b
Moyle, 3b	Rodgers, ss
Sigrist, 1b	Simon, 1b
Ash, lf	Ridgely, cf
Cupp, rf	Pride, rf
Diakere, c	Powell, c
Witney, p	Trader or Carden, p

The tentative lineup and batting order is announced by local Legion officials. Mills and Ashcraft will be the substitutes for the local team.

Sunday afternoon there will be a fast game at Blackshore park when the Consumers meet the McConkey team of Wheeling, and Annabelle and Ida May will clash at Ida May on Sunday afternoon also.

Today and tomorrow Hans Wagner's Carnegie Tech team is playing the Varsity at Morgantown. All in all there is plenty of baseball on tap for local fans at this writing.

Big Game Sunday At Ida May Park

Plans are being made for a big baseball game opening at Ida May on Sunday afternoon, when the team of that place will tackle the Annabelle nine. The game will be called at 2:30, and promises to be some old ball game, according to reports from Ida May. A special car will leave Helen's Run Junction at 1:30 taking fans to the scene of the battle. A big league touch will be given the opening day ceremonies in as much as a 24-piece brass band will be on hand to keep things interesting until the battle gets under way.

HOW THEY STAND NATIONAL LEAGUE

YESTERDAY'S SCORE.
Philadelphia, 4; Brooklyn, 3.
Chicago, 4; Cincinnati, 3.
Pittsburgh-St. Louis, postponed; wet grounds.
New York-Boston, postponed; wet grounds.
*Eleven innings.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Pittsburgh	5	1	.833
Philadelphia	4	2	.667
Brooklyn	4	2	.667
Cincinnati	3	3	.500
St. Louis	3	4	.429
Boston	2	5	.286
Chicago	2	5	.286
New York	1	4	.200

GAMES TODAY
St. Louis at Pittsburgh.
Brooklyn at Philadelphia.
New York at Boston.
Cincinnati at Chicago.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
YESTERDAY'S SCORE.
New York, 8; Philadelphia, 6.
Chicago, 8; Detroit, 2.
Washington, 8; Boston, 5.
Cleveland, 11; St. Louis, 3.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	5	0	1.000
Cleveland	5	1	.833
Boston	5	1	.833
Washington	3	2	.600
New York	3	4	.429
St. Louis	1	3	.250
Philadelphia	1	4	.200
Detroit	0	6	.000

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Boston at Washington.
Cleveland at St. Louis.

Rube Blooms Again-- Throws Both Ways



Rube Marquard can pitch either right or left-handed. He has done it in a regulation game. He seems to throw as gracefully from the right side as from the left. He learned it as a kid on the Cleveland sandlots. He struck out Hans Wagner that way once. Hans was considerably fooled when Rube shifted from left to right. He also can hit from either side, but Rube is no Babe Ruth with the bludgeon.

By FRED TURSEVILLE.
The \$11,000 Beauty is blooming again! Have you forgotten who the \$11,000 beauty is in these days of inflated finances?

It is Rube Marquard. Rube has been up quite a while. John McGraw kept him on the bench after he was purchased from the Indianapolis club of the A. A. The Rube was the first ball player to command such a figure. The figure has been surpassed many times since, but that has nothing to do with this story. Rube pitched good, bad and indifferent ball for McGraw. He had a string of 19 consecutive wins one season. But no matter what kind of pitching he did he was usually in the line light. He married Blossom Seeley and he appeared on the stage. Later he and Blossom separated. McGraw let him go to Brooklyn, but last year he didn't pitch any because of a broken ankle.

He's back in shape this spring—no lameness, strong and in full possession of the old foolers. And he had a lot of them.

Rube weighs 185 today and he looks almost as boyish as when he left the minor league.

They all think he's pretty good. The Dodgers also are banking on Al Mamaux for a sensational comeback. Leon Cadore should pitch great baseball for Robinson, too.

And then there are Grimes and Pfeffer. Sherrod Smith will help Marquard do the portside heaving.

Clarence Mitchell may make the seventh member of the staff, which then would be composed of four right-handers and three left-handers. Three left-handers generally is more than can work regularly, but I remember Gavy Cravath saying a good staff of left-handers could beat the best team in the National.

Anyhow, the seven named are so many good reasons for the Brooklyn club being considered a factor in this year's pennant race.

The pitching staff really looks good and with good pitching the rest of the Dodgers may be heard from again in 1920.

They haven't had any pitching since they copped the flag in 1916.

Ruth as a slugger and commend the liberality of the New York club-owners in securing his services, but what about the Boston public. Can a major league club—if it expects to bid for public patronage—afford to sell the services of a star player for money alone? I claim it cannot. If Ruth is worth \$100,000 to \$150,000 to New York, is he not worth as much to Boston?

There has been one faithful follower of baseball at the New York Polo Grounds daily to see the Giants away to a poor start. He is Heinie Zimmerman. Zim is placed in the unfortunate position of not knowing where he stands. He says he cannot deny charges which have never been made known, and yet which are rumored to exist concerning his name as a ball player. He says:

"If I cannot play with the Giants, as now seems probable, I think I should be given my unconditional release so that I could play with some other club and earn a living. I have heard that several big league clubs want me, but cannot do business with them if I am not a free agent."

SHORE THROWS SINKER.

NEW YORK.—The Yankees are counting on Ernest Shore more than ever this year. His "sink" ball is not a freak delivery. It breaks laterally and then swoops down and away after the fashion of the famed fadeaway—now a historical memory only.

PAT SHOWED 'EM HOW.

ST. PAUL.—Until Goldie Rapp went south with the Reds he knew little about playing third base. Goldie couldn't beat out a world's champion third sacker so he is with Mike Kelly's clan. His work is sensational at third since Pat showed him how.

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three and two.

Babe Ruth's refreshing. He doesn't make home runs but he strikes out. And that is almost as exciting.

The Razberry Anvil Chorus will now sing "Casey At The Bat."

Spring training doesn't mean anything. The Reds came back in poor condition and the Giants came back in the pink.

Ban Johnson and Colonel Huston rode from New York to Philadelphia in a taxicab.—News item.

Mayor Hyland has been made honorary member of the New York bricklayers. They ought to make Babe Ruth an honorary member of the hotel carriers.

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RUTH INJURED; YANKS WINNERS

Pittsburgh Opens the Season Today at Home With the Cardinals.

In the big leagues yesterday there was nothing much of exceptional interest took place, except the fact that "Babe" Ruth was injured during the practice session before the game between the Yanks and the Macks and had to retire early in the contest. Without him the Yanks seemed to do better and won the game 8-6. The Cubs opened the home season by giving Pat Moran's Reds another slap on the wrist, Chicago taking the game 4-3 in eleven innings. Cravath and his Philadelphia team won from Brooklyn 4-3 in a rather interesting contest. Boston-New York and Pittsburgh-St. Louis games were postponed on account of wet grounds. Pittsburgh will open the home season today with the Cards. Doak is listed to pitch for St. Louis while Carlson or Ponder will pitch for Pittsburgh.

In the American league New York won 8-6. Washington defeated Boston 7-5 the Browns were humbled by the Indians 11-3, while Chicago had no trouble beating Detroit 8-2.

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Sport Chat

Local fans will likely turn out in large numbers tomorrow afternoon to see the Legion team in action at South Side park against Clarksburg. The bugs want to get a chance to see what brand of ball the Legion can put up. Looking over the lineup of the local team, we feel confident they should be able to play good baseball, and trust that they will come up to expectations.

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TIGHT FITTING SUITS NO LONGER STYLISH

New Designs In Men's Clothes for Spring and Summer Have Natural Fit.

(Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 21.—New designs for men's spring and summer attire which will be displayed at the annual fashion show and dinner of the New York Custom Cutters' club Monday night virtually eliminate the tight-fitting suit of war days. Instead a "natural fitting coat, not so narrow and just a fraction longer," has been decreed by fashion arbiters as its substitute. The "toothpick" lapel also has been discarded and in its place a more modest half peak has been decided upon.

The experts agree that the American man prefers three buttons on his coat instead of two, and he will have them. As a solace for any disappointment that might be felt through the loss of the "clinging styles," the ralers of male attire will retain the narrow sleeves.

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